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- Three important new airfields are to be constructed during the winter of 1952 and the spring of 1953 in southern Bohemia. These fields will be near the towns of Tabor, Pisek, and Ceské Budějovice.
- 2. Preparatory work on the Tabor field, west and southwest of the town, began on 2 November 1952, under the direction of Col. Koutny and Chief Engineer Plessinger.
- 3. The construction of these new fields is in accord with the general plan set up in Moseow seconding to the proposals of the Soviet military mission under the direction of General Svetlev. The first center set up under the plan is in a triangle between the cities of Olomouc and Sternberk. The second center is in the Tábor Písek-Jeské Budějovice triangle. The third center should be in West Rohemia, between Plzem and Domažlice, but no definite plan for it has yet been drawn.
- 4. The new Moravian fields as yet hold only a few score fighters of Czechoslovak make. No work has been done so fur on runways for heavy bombers. The current intention is not to install them.
- 5. A special study is being made of the Tabor location under Chief Engineer Kabelac, and Czechoslovak experts believe that it will have a heavy bomber runway, although the Soviet military mission has as yet made no such recommendation.
- 6. General Hanus will inspect the new fields in South Bohemia between 20 and 30 November 1952.
- 7. On 1 November 1952 there were at the Olompuc field: The 5 Signal Detachment, 1,260 men under Lt. Col. Bartosek; the 3 battalion of 7 Infantry Regiment, 900 men under Major Hruska; the 2 and 7 companies of the Interior Guard, 400 men, not up to strength.

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